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CLUB NOTES

OWING TO Fulham gaining a sympathetic ear when they sought League sanction to postpone their home match with North End on account of illness reducing their first team strength, our players made a futile journey to London and spent Saturday afternoon at Manchester studying Chelsea, our next Cup opponents.

As Fulham early in November had a fruitless trip to Preston, due to the referee deciding that the pitch was unfit for play after continuous rain, the rarity occurred of both the original fixtures with one club being postponed. This may be unique.

Fulham could not avoid travelling, as a decision the previous day was out of the question, but we feel that a little forethought by our hosts of last weekend in advising us of their difficulties and intended plea to The League could have spared us the trouble and expense of a long journey.

The outcome is that we have a back-log of two League fixtures, the other being with Millwall, whose match at Deepdale was put off through frost. As both clubs got over the first hurdle in the F.A. Cup a new date has not been settled yet.

Everyone attached to North End still had not finished talking about the excitement and pleasure of the previous 3–0 win in a Cup-tie as thrilling as the extra-time tussle with Nottingham Forest at Deepdale five years ago. It was our first step to Wembley. Dare we hope that Forest's second fall at Preston will prove to be as happy an augury?

Game to Remember

Whether or not, time will not readily blur the crowd's appreciative memories of this game's incidents, escapes and goals. Many were anxious when Storey-Moore artfully put the ball into the net for Forest, but the flag had gone up for offside seconds earlier. Quickly following, Bob Chapman, when about three yards from an open goal, somehow got his foot under the ball and ballooned it over.

North End's continued pressure caused a second-half transformation. There was a superb save from a fine glancing header by Willie Irvine. Forest breathed again, but not for long. A penalty goal by Irvine for a foul on himself put North End in winning mood and roused the crowd to inspiring enthusiasm.

Derek Temple showed his class with a glorious solo goal worthy of Tom Finney at his best. In control at speed on a 40 yards run, he evaded every attempt at interception and finished with a deadly shot. Willie Irvine then scored a third almost as spectacular.

It was a performance to be remembered with joy, and our reward was the plum of a fourth-round home tie with another First Division side. Being 13th "out of the hat" did not deny us the satisfaction of a visit by efficient and attractive Chelsea.

Today we have the opportunity to achieve a rare League "double" against old friends and foes, Aston Villa: the last was as long ago as 1919 on successive Saturdays. Faced until recently with a stark relegation threat, Villa are now a tougher proposition than when we scored the only goal at Aston 10 weeks ago.

Sharpened up by their new manager Tommy Docherty they have won all five games since he took charge. Four in The League and a home F.A. Cup-tie.

Programme: Editorial—**WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)**

COMPETITION PAGE

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

WE ALL KNOW what a difference a good win makes. Especially after a long run without one. It is more the difference between frustration and renewed confidence than between depression and elation.

Managers and players must not get depressed or nothing will go right. They must go on believing in what they know they can do. It is the only way to turn the corner when success becomes elusive.

And they cannot allow themselves the luxury of being elated — well, not for long, just long enough to share in the players' pleasure over a good win. Then it is back to the reality of trying to keep on that agreeable path. An early setback and your fans are soon feeling discontented again.

With the crowd it is different. They live for the success we try to earn for them. They know how to enjoy it. You can almost feel the new mood, since optimism is like sunshine. They push the past behind them, and one must accept that our immediate past of seven games without a win was anything but rosy. Fans may not think so, but players are more worried than they are.

They have to live with it. More than that, they hate disappointing their supporters. This brings me to another point — support. Not just support on the terraces, but vocal support. The Cup-tie with Forest was eventful. Enough happened to make it long remembered. But to me, and to the team, a great feature was the way the crowd cheered on their favourites. Right from the start.

They let the lads know they were with them from the first kick. The encouragement continued all the time we were fighting to get on top of stubborn opposition. In fact it grew. I think it had a lot do to with the way we held on to the initiative. And after that first goal the roar of the crowd really brought the best out of our side. It fired in them the urge to respond.

This they did in the most heartening manner that could be desired. Victory, a splendid victory, was their reward — and yours, in that every spectator who cheered played his part. I don't think I shall ever forget the tremendous standing ovation given to Derek Temple after his brilliant and fantastic goal. It roused enthusiasm and it certainly inspired the team.

Now that is what I mean in asking the fans to give us similar vocal support at League games, too, not reserve it for the big occasion. Players react to it more than you may think. It gave the Cup-tie a thrilling atmosphere. I feel it could do the same at our other matches. For, believe me, the greatest encouragement players can get is to have the crowd solidly behind them.

It was a pity, to say the least, that we did not get the opportunity the following Saturday of seeing whether this new-found form — good attacking football, unselfish teamwork and chances taken — could be kept up at Fulham. Despite Fulham's impressive Cup-tie win at Sunderland, we travelled there in confident mood with that intention very much in mind.

To learn, on arrival in London the afternoon before the match, that the fixture had been postponed because a number of Fulham's players had influenza was a shock right out of the blue. I may have felt speechless, but a sense of indignation prompted me to ask what sort of precedent was being created by this extraordinary decision? How wide had the door been opened to requests similar to that of Fulham by other teams whose playing resources were severely strained?

Where would it stop? Did it mean that if I had seven or eight players with ailment or injury I could also ask for a postponement? After the match with Bristol City at Deepdale, which resulted in one of the costliest victories gained in terms of injuries, five members of my first team squad were unfit. It undoubtedly contributed to our subsequent lack of success.

Even last week, in addition to persisting injury troubles, we had Dave Wilson down with flu and George Ross, Derek Temple and Alec Spark had colds. Maybe we had just as good a case as Fulham to ask for the match to be called off, but we went prepared to play it.

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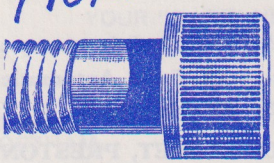

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North End Christmas Party

OUR VISITORS

SINCE COMING "under new management" a month ago with former North Ender and Deepdale favourite, enthusiastic Tommy Docherty in charge, as brashly publicised as ever, struggling, downcast Aston Villa have leapt out of the Second Division doldrums like a dolphin. Starting with a 2–1 home win against Norwich (crowd up from 12,747 to 19,923) they have achieved a transformation.

Winning the next match (2–0 v. promotion-eager Cardiff at Villa Park), Docherty's new lions were rapturously cheered by 41,260, minus fans from Wales. Their next three games resulted: Carlisle, away 1–0; Queen's Park (F.A. Cup), home 2–1 after a 45th minute equaliser by Godfrey, 39,854 present; Huddersfield Town, home 1–0, crowd 29,029 despite anti-crowd weather.

Five successive victories! Another reason for fanatical revived enthusiasm — Villa's previous 23 League games had produced three wins, eight draws, 12 defeats and only 18 Aston goals. The present total is 24 divided between 10 players, with Anderson (6) and Hole (4) top scorers.

But it is for longer lasting, deeply rooted reasons that we give their team an especially cordial welcome, for our guests are one of the traditionally great clubs, faded aristocrats at the moment but still world renowned. Original members of The League with North End and 10 others, they have spent more seasons in the premier Division than any club except equally proud Everton.

That is where they belong and, while we want to beat them today, we would applaud the early return of famous Aston Villa, six times League Champions, F.A. Cup Finalists nine times, Cup Winners a record seven times, the first League Cup winners and twice in the Final, and a First Division club without a break from the foundation year,1888, to 1936.

We have been playing the Villa since 1885, starting with a 7–2 win at Deepdale by North End's "Old Invincibles," and today's visit is their 51st in League, Cup-ties and "friendlies." In recent seasons (only two wins in the last 11 home meetings) and in the early days it was a happy hunting ground for Villa. Altogether the claret-and-blues have won there 13 times.

We hate to mention it, but at Villa Park, North End have lost 41 of 56 matches!

Pen Pictures

John DUNN (*goalkeeper*). Gained schoolboy honours for Essex as a centre forward, but made his League debut (March, 1963) in Chelsea's goal. Villa signed him from Torquay last January.

Michael WRIGHT (*right back*). A 1964 discovery when a grammar schoolboy at Ellesmere Port, he had his first team baptism with Villa when 16. His appearances, League and Cup, now exceed 150. An England youth player two years together.

Charlie AITKEN (*left back*). Hopes to complete 300 League outings this season, 10 years after leaving his native Scotland to turn professional at Villa Park. No other Aston player has gone through three consecutive seasons without missing a first team match. Under-23 international.

Barrie HOLE (*right half*). Many times a Welsh international with a Swansea birth qualification. First capped 1963 when with Caridff. Villa signed him early this season from Blackburn Rovers.

Dick EDWARDS (*centre half*). A Notts. native who moved from Mansfield Town to Villa Park in March last year in the wake of colleague Tommy Mitchinson and recently-deposed manager Tom Cummings.

Brian TILER (*left half*). Followed Tommy Docherty from his native Rotherham as his old manager's first major signing for Aston at a fee said to be £35,000. Long outstanding with Rotherham.

Mike FERGUSON (*outside right*). Native of Burnley well known in these parts through his service with Accrington and, from 1962 until the final day of last season, with Blackburn Rovers. He had to sit out the vital game involving promotion-seeking Q.P.R. Formerly an inside forward.

Peter BROADBENT (*inside right*). An experienced, much-travelled English international previously with Brentford, Wolves and Shrewsbury. Proud to possess Championship and Cup Finalists' medals, both gained when with Wolves.

Brian GODFREY (*centre forward*). Plays his second match for Villa at Deepdale, having been transferred with Brian Greenhalgh in September, 1967. Versatile, hard-working Welsh international who has many Preston admirers. Villa's "Player of the Year" after finishing last season as joint leading scorer with "Greenie," 12 goals each. Born Flint, became an Everton junior prospect, but was allowed to join Scunthorpe.

Lionel MARTIN (*inside left*). A clever ball player who graduated in July, 1964 from his probation spell of two seasons. First came into the senior side on the last day of season 1965-66.

Willie ANDERSON (*outside left*). One-time "Busby babe" who understudied George Best before leaving Manchester for Villa Park two years ago. Ever-present last season. Born Liverpool.

Dave RUDGE (*substitute*). From Wolverhampton juniors 1963 and became a professional 1965. Small but strong, determined and making headway.

← **ASTON VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB, 1968/69**

Back row (*left to right*) : G. Edwards, R. Park, C. Withers, L. Chatterley, C. Aitken, A. Deakin, K. Bradley.

Front row (*left to right*) : M. Ferguson, T. Mitchinson, B. Greenhalgh, B. Godfrey, W. Anderson.

ASTON VILLA

FOCUS on Richard Heppolette

CONGRATULATIONS to Richard Heppolette (Ricky to his family, friends and fans) on coming into League football with North End before he was 19, which was a year ago (he will be 20 in April) and on (a) shaping on his recall as if he can hold a regular place, (b) being the only Indian-born player in League football, (c) having a niche of his own as the only one with this name.

These sentiments, plus good wishes for what I feel is a promising future, are sincerely meant for the reason that this earnest, hard-striving lad, who never spares himself, has overcome any real or imagined colour bar in football by winning a legion of admirers of his enthusiasm and developing skill. I have watched his progress with delight and satisfaction for these reasons: he is unaffected, just as obviously a dedicated trier, and clearly he is learning all the time.

Pacing his game to save his energy for when it is most needed is one practical essential he will master as he goes along: then we could see another Howard Kendall emerging from a blend of active interception, busy foraging and intelligent passing. He gets "upstairs" for the ball with the india-rubber agility with which Billy Wright discounted premature criticism that he was too small to make a success of his conversion to centre half. Perhaps Ricky watched Wright.

Up he goes, and the timing of head-contact is so often true to the text-book. His tackling could be better, but no doubt that will come with intent application. Norman Little today will be studying all these points. He was the teacher in charge of sport when Ricky was a boy, soon to play for Bolton Boys' Club as an inside forward and have Lancashire trials.

Mr. Little recommended him to North End as a worthwhile prospect and the boy was signed five months after his 15th birthday. Until today his sponsor had never seen him play in other than schoolboy football. I hope he found his journey rewarding. Ricky's admission that his big moment was signing as a professional suggests that his teacher at Bolton could spot ambition too.

On the field Ricky moves with alacrity and intuition — quickness derived to some extent from his fondness for tennis, badminton and table tennis I can visualise him competing capably with Malayans. Single, he can indulge his love of a car and tape recording. With an eye on the future he is interested in ladies' hairdressing and fashions, and he is evidently a young man of method in that he hates being late for anything.
— **W.P.**

← **Richard in action against Nottingham Forest.**

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

						Attendances			
1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts	Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	**H**	**1–1**	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	**A**	**1–0**	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	**A**	**1–3**	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1–0	0–1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0–4	–	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0–0	–	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–4	1–1	0	—	4,556	15,242	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	1–2	–	0	—	—	7,005	—
,, 14	Derby County	H	0–0	1–1	1	—	5,223	12,648	17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	1–1	1–1	1	1,894	—	15,976	14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	0–1	1–0	0	969	—	21,224	20,255
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup (3) Nottingham Forest**	H	3–0	–	–	—	—	20,008	—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	–	2–1					17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea**	H	–	1–3					—
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	–	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	–	–					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	–	–					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612
	Millwall (postponed Dec. 28th)	H	–	0–1					11,445
	Fulham (postponed, Jan. 11th)	A	–	–					—

Central League, 1968-69

1968				1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3 2	Dec. 21	Blackpool	H	0–2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1	1969			
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1	Jan. 4	Huddersfield Town	A	0–2
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1	,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–0
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1	,, 18	Aston Villa	A	....
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2	,, 25	Burnley	H	....
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0	Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	....
,, 16	Everton	H	0–1	,, 8	Manchester City	A	....
,, 21	Bury	H	3–1	,, 15	Sheffield United	H	....
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1	,, 22	Derby County	A	....
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1–0	Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	....
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	....
,, 14	Leeds United	H	0–0	,, 14	Coventry City	A	....
,, 19	Blackpool	A	0–1	,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	....
,, 26	Liverpool	H	0–5	,, 29	Manchester United	A	....
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2	April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	....
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	2–2	,, 8	Stoke City	A	....
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1–0	,, 12	Bury	A	....
,, 23	Manchester City	H	2–1	,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	....
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	2–2	—	—Blackburn Rovers	A	....
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	3–0	—	—Liverpool	A	....
				—	—Stoke City	H	....

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P25, W7, D10, L8, Goals F22, A27, Pts 24

F.A. Cup		G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
1	Alan KELLY	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
	Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
1	George ROSS	—	20	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
	John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
	Jim SMITH	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
	John BRIGHT	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	Alec SPARK	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
1	Bill CRANSTON	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	3	—	3	—	25
1	Jim McNAB	—	—	3	13	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	19
1	Richard HEPPOLETTE	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
	David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	1	16
	David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
	Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	18
1	Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	24
1	Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19	—	20
	George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	5
	Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	7
1	Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	8	15
1	Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11
	Total	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 12; Knighton 3; Ingram 3; Spavin, Lee, Temple, Gemmill 1 each—Total 22. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

F.A. Cup scorers—Irvine 2 (1 pen.), Temple.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 11th January)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Derby County	25	13	9	3	32	21	35
Cardiff City	27	14	4	9	46	35	32
Millwall	26	13	5	8	42	30	31
Charlton Athletic	26	11	9	6	37	34	31
Crystal Palace	25	12	6	7	44	34	30
Blackburn Rovers	26	12	6	8	32	26	30
Middlesbrough	25	13	4	8	38	30	30
Hull City	27	9	10	8	38	34	28
Carlisle United	27	10	8	9	31	32	28
Huddersfield Town	26	10	7	9	32	31	27
Blackpool	26	8	10	8	31	23	26
Sheffield United	25	10	6	9	33	28	26
Bolton Wanderers	26	8	9	9	38	33	25
Portsmouth	26	7	10	9	33	32	24
Norwich City	26	9	6	11	33	33	24
Preston North End	25	7	10	8	22	27	24
Birmingham City	26	11	2	13	47	46	24
Aston Villa	27	7	8	12	24	38	22
Bristol City	26	5	11	10	22	31	21
Bury	26	7	6	13	37	53	20
Oxford United	25	5	6	14	19	35	16
Fulham	26	4	8	14	26	50	16

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 11th January)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Liverpool	28	18	5	4	49	13	41
Manchester United	26	16	7	3	49	25	39
Newcastle United	24	13	5	6	37	24	31
West Bromwich A.	26	13	5	8	42	28	31
Burnley	28	11	9	8	40	34	31
Stoke City	25	10	7	8	29	24	27
Nottingham Forest	24	9	9	6	40	34	27
Wolverhampton W.	25	10	7	8	36	33	27
Bury	25	11	4	10	35	30	26
Everton	25	11	4	10	23	27	26
Huddersfield Town	26	11	3	12	37	46	25
Sheffield United	26	8	8	10	43	33	24
Sheffield Wednesday	25	9	6	10	31	29	24
Preston North End	24	9	6	9	28	29	24
Leeds United	25	7	9	9	21	32	23
Manchester City	23	11	0	12	35	34	22
Blackpool	27	7	8	12	46	51	22
Aston Villa	24	7	7	10	28	40	21
Bolton Wanderers	24	7	3	14	24	43	17
Derby County	25	4	10	11	20	32	18
Blackburn Rovers	25	5	5	15	31	50	15
Coventry City	25	3	7	15	18	41	13

F.A. CUP FOURTH ROUND

PRESTON NORTH END v CHELSEA

25th January, 1969, kick-off at 3 p.m.

Tickets will be issued in advance for All Stands and Paddocks, details as under:

Ground 5/- (juveniles 2/6) Cash at Stiles on Match Day.

Paddocks 6/-
West Stand 8/6
South Pavilion..... 9/6
Pavilion.....11/6

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Holders of Reserved Seat Season Tickets will be alloted their own seats. Holders of unreserved West Stand may apply for Tickets in that portion.

Holders of Ground and Paddock Season Tickets may apply for Paddock Tickets at 6/-.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS may make personal application for Tickets on Sunday, 19th January, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. as under:

Pavilion, South Pavilion and West Stand Tickets obtainable at the West Stand Office.

Paddock and Ground Season Ticket holders may obtain Paddock Tickets at Town End Ground turnstiles 9 and 10.

NON-SEASON TICKET HOLDERS may make personal application for Tickets from 10 a.m. until such times as tickets are all sold, as under:

South Pavilion and West Stand Tickets will be on sale from the South Pavilion Turnstiles. (One per person).

Paddock Tickets will be on sale from Town End Ground stiles 5 and 6 (one per person).

For Adult Ground Season Ticket holders not wishing to buy Paddock Tickets, the usual Ground Season Ticket stiles will be open on the day of the match (FOR ADULTS ONLY). Admission 5/- and Coupon Number 54.

Football League Hot Shots

Up to and including Saturday, 11th January, 1969

Division I	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Greaves (Spurs).....	20	5	1	–	26
Hurst (West Ham)...	19	4	1	–	24
Royle (Everton).....	17	3	1	–	21
Casper (Burnley)	11	6	2	–	19
Robson, B. (N'castle)	13	2	1	3	19
Division II					
Curran (Norwich)....	16	5	–	–	21
IRVINE (Preston)....	12	3	2	–	17
Toshack (Cardiff)....	15	–	–	2	17
Wagstaff (Hull).....	13	1	–	–	14
Jackson, C. (Palace).	10	3	–	–	13

Division III	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Rogers (Swindon) ...	14	5	1	–	20
Atkins (Stockport)...	15	–	2	–	17
Mulvaney (Barrow) ..	14	–	2	–	16
Andrews (Southport)	13	2	1	–	16
Yardley (Tranmere)..	11	3	–	–	14
Yeo (Gillingham)	13	–	1	–	14
Division IV					
Best (Southend).....	7	1	9	–	17
Banks (Exeter).....	12	2	2	–	16
Hall (Peterborough) .	12	4	–	–	16
Talbot (Chester)	14	1	1	–	16
Ham (Bradford City)..	12	2	–	–	14

ASTON VILLA QUIZ

1—North End and Aston Villa have many things in common. What, in particular?
2—When Villa do well in the Cup why is it taken for granted?
3—What did Tommy Docherty say when he clinched the Villa managership last month?
4—Did he mean it?
5—Villa have had how many seasons out of the First Division?
6—Great and glorious were Aston Villa in their first 30 seasons, but when did they last win the League championship?

Answers on page 17

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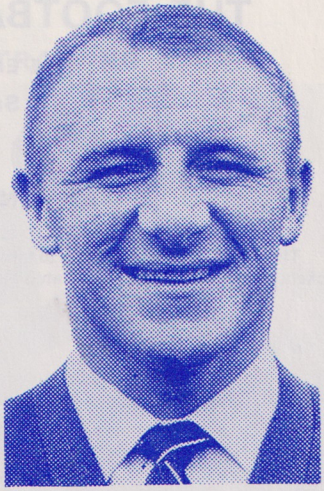

TOMMY DOCHERTY

(Aston Villa's Manager)

TOMMY DOCHERTY, one-time Deepdale favourite, created a sensation last month when he resigned his post as manager of Queen's Park Rangers after less than a month in the job. He was due to take over as team-chief to Atletico Bilbao, in Spain, but before he went the new Aston Villa directors asked him to help them out.

He couldn't have had a more sensational start. Villa have won all five games under his command, including a 2–1 F.A. Cup victory over his old club, Queen's Park Rangers.

Mr. Docherty started his tempestuous career with Celtic but it was while with us that he really began making a name for himself. He arrived at Deepdale during the 1949/50 season and spent nine very successful years here.

While with Preston, Docherty won 22 of his 25 full Scottish caps and made one appearance for the Scotland 'B' XI. He won a Second Division championship medal in 1951 and three years later he was a member of our F.A. Cup final team. Arsenal paid £20,000 for him in August, 1958, and he completed almost three seasons at Highbury before packing away his boots to accept the post of senior coach to Chelsea.

During an emergency, Doherty played four League games for Chelsea before being appointed caretaker manager in September, 1961, four months before the appointment was confirmed on a firm basis. Under his guidance, the young Chelsea side reached the F.A. Cup semi-final three seasons in succession, going to Wembley in 1967. But Spurs beat them 2–1.

He left Chelsea in November, 1967, and within a few weeks took over as Rotherham's chief. After a year at Millmoor, he took on the challenge at Queen's Park Rangers but, after disagreement on policy, he left within a month.

Man in the Middle

PAT PARTRIDGE (Middlesbrough)

PAT PARTRIDGE, now in his third season as a League referee, is one of the youngest officials on the list — he is only 35 years old. A technical representative in Middlesbrough, Mr. Partridge took up his refereeing career in 1953. He progressed through the Northern, North Regional and Northern Counties Leagues until he gained promotion to the Football League linesmens' list in 1965.

He ran the line for the Football League v. Scottish League match in 1966 and when he is not officiating at big games likes to keep his hand in by doing local matches.

In his spare time, Mr. Partridge, who is married, fulfills the secretary's duties of the North Riding Referees' Society.

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3—"I want to stay here for the rest of my football life."

4—He meant it as much as when he greeted his Rotherham appointment with "I love a challenge. I think I can be really happy at Rotherham."

5—This is only the fifth in 70 seasons.

6—In 1910. Five of their six title wins were gained between 1893 and 1900 (seven seasons).

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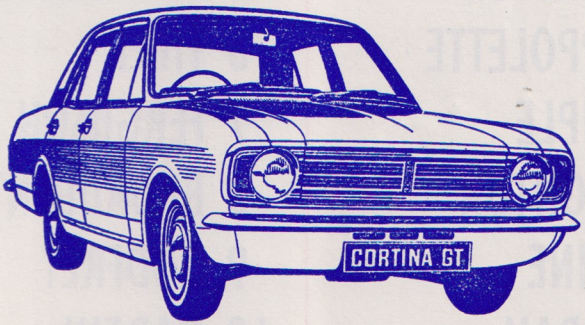

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